

The Kerbela Shrine Temple recently celebrated its 100th Anniversary on February 18, 2015.

For the past century, this group has touched the lives of needy children in my District in many positive ways.

On Thanksgiving Day 1950, the Knoxville Kerbela Shriners began a paper sale to benefit the East Tennessee Crippled Children's Fund, raising \$19,000 the first year.

Over the next 75 years, with the help of the Blue Lodge Masons, the Kerbela Shrine Temple raised \$13 million for handicapped and burned children through this one tradition.

Mr. Speaker, even in a state known for its Volunteers, the Kerbela Shriners stand out as an example of community service and charity. I call this important work to the attention of my Colleagues and other readers of the RECORD and wish them a happy 100th anniversary and many more years of success in serving our community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2015*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was not present during roll call vote numbers 77, 78, 79, and 80 on February 12, 2015, and roll call vote numbers 81, 82, and 83 on February 13, 2015, because I was participating in a cybersecurity summit with the President in my Congressional District.

I would like to reflect how I would have voted:

On roll call vote no. 77 I would have voted NO.

On roll call vote no. 78 I would have voted NO.

On roll call vote no. 79 I would have voted YES.

On roll call vote no. 80 I would have voted NO.

On roll call vote no. 81 I would have voted YES.

On roll call vote no. 82 I would have voted NO.

On roll call vote no. 83 I would have voted YES.

#### CALLING UPON HOUSE LEADERSHIP TO PASS CLEAN DHS FUNDING BILL

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2015*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, our hearts and prayers are with the victims of the Metrolink train crash that took place this early morning in Oxnard, California.

As of right now, there are no confirmed casualties and I pray that it stays that way and all of the injured have a speedy recovery.

I also wish to commend the first responders who arrived at the scene so rapidly to treat the victims of the crash.

The nation can be proud of the first responders at the local, state, and federal level who selflessly answer the call to service and risk their lives to keep us safe.

Mr. Speaker, first responders ask little in return for the risks they willingly incur.

All they ask is that we support them and provide them the resources needed to protect the homeland.

That is why it is absolutely critical that Speaker BOEHNER bring to the floor immediately a clean Homeland Security funding bill.

House Republicans should stop risking the security of the homeland to appease the Tea Party extremist wing of their conference.

Mr. Speaker, there are only 4 days remaining until funding for the Department of Homeland Security runs out.

If House Republicans were to let that happen, DHS would be required to shut down much of the homeland security infrastructure put in place in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Although some DHS employees would continue to work in the event of a shutdown, they would be forced to do so without pay, creating significant disruptions and dealing a blow to morale.

Among those who would be expected to protect Americans without getting paid would be:

1. More than 40,000 Border Patrol agents and Customs and Border Protection officers;

2. More than 50,000 TSA aviation security screeners;

3. More than 13,000 Immigration and Customs Enforcement law enforcement agents and officers;

4. More than 40,000 active duty Coast Guard military members;

5. More than 4,000 Secret Service law enforcement agents and officers.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for House Republicans to stop politicizing the funding of this most essential function of the federal government and bring to the floor for debate and passage of a clean DHS funding bill so that we can keep our homeland safe.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROLLING MEADOWS, ILLINOIS

### HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2015*

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the incorporation of Rolling Meadows, Illinois.

From its early origins, Rolling Meadows has been a model for other cities and towns to follow, through its continued dedication to building a friendly and welcoming community for residents and visitors alike.

In the years since its founding in 1955 by Orrin Ford, Rolling Meadows has become a center of culture and commerce, serving as a home to families, businesses, professionals, churches and organizations that have made this a vibrant and thriving community. Over the years, Rolling Meadows has developed a well-deserved reputation as a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family.

Rolling Meadows has a lasting legacy of service and prosperity. On this special occasion, in addition to celebrating the incorporation of their town, the community will also be honoring 60 original residents and two local businesses that have operated for the entirety

of the last 60 years. This impressive milestone is a testament to the strong foundation built at Rolling Meadows' founding and maintained still today.

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in recognizing the 60th anniversary of the incorporation of Rolling Meadows, Illinois and wishing her residents a very successful year ahead.

#### KAISER PERMANENTE COLORADO

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2015*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kaiser Permanente Colorado for their outstanding service and commitment to the community.

Kaiser Permanente Colorado is the state's largest nonprofit health plan, proudly working to improve the lives and health of Colorado residents for more than 45 years. As one of the largest businesses in our community, Kaiser Permanente Colorado provides comprehensive health care services to 630,000 members through 29 medical offices and a network of affiliated hospitals and physicians.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kaiser Permanente Colorado for their honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt they will exhibit the same commitment to healthcare and service to residents in the future.

#### SUTTON NORRIS APPOINTMENT TO UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

### HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2015*

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to congratulate Mr. Sutton Norris on his appointment to the United States Military Academy.

Mr. Norris is an incredibly accomplished young man from Athens, Georgia. Sutton is the son of Tab and Elizabeth Norris, and will graduate from the prestigious Prince Avenue Christian School. During his time there, Sutton has exhibited his dedication to leadership while attending the Summer Leadership Experience at USMA and was awarded the Outstanding Leader Award.

Among his many accolades, Sutton also showcased academic prowess while serving as the president of the National Honor Society and the National Junior Honor Society.

Mr. Speaker, Sutton Norris is also a young man who is also dedicated to improving his community through service. Sutton organized Prince Avenue Christian School's initial participation in Relay for Life, an organization dedicated to raising awareness about cancer and funds to combat the disease.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I understand that Mr. Norris is no stranger to the rigorous work ethic required to be considered as a candidate for the United States Military Academy. With several family members serving in different branches of the armed services, I am confident that Sutton will accomplish his ultimate